

Special Education Programs

Information, News and Events

December 2016



Next Sped Directory Call:

Dec. 20, 2016—10 a.m. CST

Connect through Skype for Business at:

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Direct dial: 1(866)410-8397

Participant code: 1286289700

Agenda Items:

- Parent Connections—Navigators
- Accommodations
- Alternate Assessment
- Accountability
- State Performance Plan

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“Teaching children is an accomplishment;
getting children excited
about learning is an achievement.”

Robert John Meehan

Sped Program Highlights

Dyslexia workgroup has developed a five year plan for South Dakota and it can be found on the website.

Child Count—33% of districts have submitted their child count. Child count submissions are due by January 20, 2017.

Login Assistance: Bobbi Leiferman (773-5407) or Susan Woodmansey (773-4748)

Questions about Data Submission: Contact your Region Representative

Federal Program Highlights

Significant Disproportionality Regulations

The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services has announced the issuance of the final regulations of the significant disproportionality regulations.

The South Dakota Department of Special Education will be evaluating the impact of this regulation and provide additional guidance to districts in the near future.

The U.S. Department of Education released non-regulatory guidance to help ensure young children from birth through third-grade get the strong start they need to achieve success in school and in life. **Highlights Include:** The use of *Title I, Part A* funds to support preschool programs - Supports for Children who are American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians - Examples of Alignment, Coordination, and Collaboration of P-12 Programs - LEA responsibilities for developing agreements with Head Start programs.

DOE Program Highlights

Overview of proposed certification rule changes now available

An overview of proposed changes to educator certification rules is now available. A first reading of the proposed rule changes was held at the Nov. 15 state Board of Education meeting. Public hearings will be held in January and March.

Professional Development

(click on the titles to go to registration site)

New Director Webinar Series

Webinar 1: Child Count

Date: December 20, 2016

Time: 3:00-4:30pm CST

Webinar 2: SPP/APR - Jan. 23, 2017

Webinar 3: Dispute Resolution - Feb. 22, 2017

Webinar 4: Accountability Monitoring/RDA -
March 28, 2017

Webinar 5: Budget/Fiscal Requirements - April 25,
2017

Prevention Resource Centers

South Dakota Department of Social Services funds 3 prevention resources centers. The PRC's work with others across the state to provide prevention resources, training, and technical assistance through: a) program development for schools and communities surrounding issues of violence, bullying, suicide, alcohol, tobacco & other drugs; b) training coordination, development, and promotion; c) awareness campaigns and health promotion.

Check out the prevention center website in your area for more information about what they provide.

- NE Prevention Resource Center—Watertown
- Southeastern Prevention Resource Center—Sioux Falls
- Western Prevention Resource Center—Rapid City

Youth Leadership Forum

Applications due Dec. 16, 2016

Youth Leadership Forum is a week long leadership training on the campus of Northern State University for students with disabilities. Students learn more about their disability and others' disabilities, analyze their own strengths and weaknesses, and how to make decision; and much more. It is at no cost to the student. Videos available as well as the application.

SAVE THE DATE:

2017 Summer Transition Institute - June
26th and 27th - Cedar Shore Resort, Oacoma.
See attached flyer

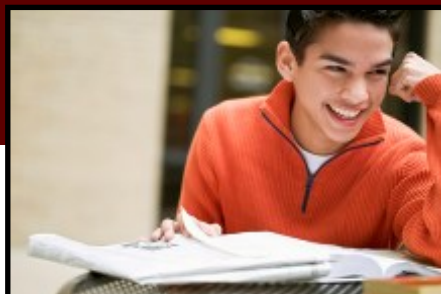
2017 Multi-tiered Systems of Support Education Summer Conference

The MTSS Summer Education Conference will be held June 28 and 29 in Oacoma, SD at the Cedar Shore Resort, featuring Randy Sprick with strategies for working with students with challenging behaviors and Jill Jackson with strategies for differentiating comprehension and writing instructions to accommodate all the students in your classroom. Registration will be open in March.

The Multi-tiered Systems of Supports applications will be available on January 5, 2017. For more information please contact Rebecca.cain@state.sd.us

Sped Professional Development Webinars

- ◆ New Eligibility Document Webinar
- ◆ Legal Updates
- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ Dispute Resolution
- ◆ And may more...



Sped Program Feature Presentation

2016 Special Education Conference

Please join us at The Lodge at Deadwood on March 21-22, 2017. Our featured keynote speaker will be Nelson Lauver.

Nelson became one of 'those kids' who fell through the cracks of an educational system that was ill-prepared to deal with a student who couldn't learn like the rest. He spent his school years in a no-win situation filled with conflict and severe punishment. He knew he was different from everyone else, he just didn't know why. This keynote session as well as the rest of the conference is open to parents as well as school staff.

See Nelson in action at <https://www.youtube.com/user/nelsonlauver>

The conference will also have breakout sessions on accommodations, behavior, dyslexia, early childhood, RtI, transition, and much more!

A full list of all the sessions and registration will be available soon.